

INTERVIEW SUMMARY BY APPLICANT

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview conducted November 21, 2005. During the interview, the Applicant's representative presented the arguments for patentability set forth in the Amendment filed November 10, 2005. In response, the Examiner stated the in the *Davis et al* reference, the vending machine stored an indication of the price of each item to be sold, which could be construed as providing a stored value. The Examiner suggested clarifying the claim language regarding the relationship between the stored value and the processing device.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 10, 2005, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application as further amended is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

At the outset, the Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 50.

Claims 1, 15 and 32 have been amended to make the clarifications kindly proposed by the Examiner during the telephone interview. The Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of those claims and of their dependent claims would not have been obvious over the combination of references proposed in the Office Action. The operation of providing the stored value by transmitting it to a remote computer for maintaining account information regarding the electronic toll collection device is not the same as any operation performed by the vending machine terminal of *Davis et al* and thus would have been absent from the combination. Instead, the combination of references would simply have resulted in a vending machine terminal for selling prepackaged electronic toll collection devices, which is a far cry from the present claimed invention. Such a combination would have had no provision for transmitting a stored value (or any other information) from the processing device for maintaining account information *regarding the electronic toll collection device*.

Moreover, regarding claims 45-49 and 51, the self-service maintenance and checking of an account *for an electronic toll collection device* would not have been taught or suggested by the combination of references. The mere fact that the vending

machine terminal of *Davis et al* might store the sale price of the electronic toll collection device has nothing to do with the ability to maintain or check an account regarding that device.

For the reasons set forth above, as well as those set forth in the Amendment filed November 10, 2005, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Supplemental Amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (114944-00434). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this Amendment or is insufficient to render this Amendment timely, the Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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